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Dear NJBPU

Please extend the deadline for the draft IEP to be published in 2020.

We need to utilize resources in NJ. A perfect source are the NJ High Schools and Colleges. NJBPU could put together competition programs both at the High School level and at the College Level.

If NJBPU would like help with this, I would love to work with NKBPU members in building competitions and deliverables for high schools and colleges. NJBPU could post competitions often.

Using the schools has numerous benefits:

1. Spreads awareness through parents, news and participants.
2. Builds incentives for engagement around the state.
3. Produces proofs of concepts as well as novel approaches (innovation).
4. Stimulates a culture of competition for clean energy solutions.
5. Encourages companies to focus on NJ for energy leadership.

This is a win-win approach that will shed more light, details and innovation on how NJ should address the Integrated Energy Plan. The funding is nominal for such a competitions, but the benefits are strategic for New Jersey.

I very much appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kirk Frost